(c) what steps are being taken by BSF to prevent deployment of same personnel at outpost over a long tenure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The nabbed Dy. Commandant was not posted at any border outpost but at Sector Headquarters BSF at Gurdaspur (Punjab) since July, 2001, where normal tenure of posting is three years. Investigation in this case is still in progress with Directorate of Revenue Intelligence.

(c) BSF Battalions remain deployed at a particular location for three years. Location of the companies of a deployed Battalion is generally changed in a yearly cycle and personnel within the company are also shifted after few months from one location to another.

Setting up of unified command to counter naxalism

2126. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a unified command to counter naxalite problem; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Extremists operating in the country

2127. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many groups of extremists are in operation at present all over the country;

(b) what about their hide-outs;

(c) what steps Government contemplated to dislodge their hide-outs, inland or abroad; and

(d) how many extremists have so far surrendered their arms during last three years and turned to normal life?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Government has so far notified 32 prominent organisations/groups as terrorists organizations operating mainly in Jammu and Kashmir, North-East and naxal affected States.

A number of terrorist groups operating in Jammu and Kashmir and extremist groups in North-East have their hide-outs in neighbouring countries. Some of them have hide-outs in the hinterland or higher reaches of hills, which they keep changing.

(c) In order to curb terrorist activities, the Government has pursued a multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, improved technology, weaponry and equipments for security forces both at the Centre and in the States, neutralizing plans of terrorist groups/anti-national elements/ISI agents by well coordinated intelligence based operations.

Joint Working Groups and other bilateral mechanisms have been put in place to discuss security related matters of mutual concern with neighbouring countries.

(d) During the last three years (period 2002,2003 and 2004 up to November) 401 militants in Jammu and Kashmir, 2121 extremists in North-Eastern States and 2376 naxalites in naxal affected States have surrendered.

Crimes in the country

2128. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of crimes occurring during the years 2002-2003,2003-2004 and 2004-05 (uptil now) in different States and Union Territories;

(b) the State-wise break up of the number of miscreants alleged to have been involved in these crimes; and

(c) how many of the miscreants have been legally punished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) As per the statistics compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau, the numbers of cases of total cognizable crimes under IPC, reported during 2002 and 2003, along with the numbers of persons arrested, charge-sheeted and convicted, State/Union Territory